

## Helpful crime prevention tips:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Make sure all your windows and doors are properly secured before leaving.
- Consider subscribing to a security system.
- Never give your personal information out over the phone or through the Internet without first checking on the person/company that is requesting it.
- Check your credit card statements for fraudulent use
- Use only secured mailboxes.
- Install motion sensor lighting around your home.
- Report suspicious activities by persons and/or vehicles to the police when they occur.

For more information about crime prevention tips, contact our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator at (714) 898-3315, ext. 590.

## WPD Vision Statement

*The vision of the Westminster Police Department is to be an excellent policing agency that enjoys the trust and confidence of the community. We are dedicated to providing innovative leadership, quality service, and protection to our community.*

## WPD Mission Statement

*The Westminster Police Department is dedicated to the protection of life, property, and the rights of all people.*

*Through individual accountability, excellent teamwork and commitment to quality service, the men and women of the Westminster Police Department work with our diverse community to make the City of Westminster a safer place.*

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT US

Westminster Police Dept.

Bus: (714) 898-3315

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Web: [www.ewpd.org](http://www.ewpd.org)

*Spanish & Vietnamese Translators Available*

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## WESTMINSTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

## REPORT INFORMATION

CASE #:

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## The Investigative Process

This incident is important to us and to you. The assigned detective will give your case as much consideration as possible and will evaluate your case.

Our investigative process actively pursues available information and evidence in order to apprehend the person(s) responsible for the criminal activity and to recover stolen property. The investigative process includes:

- Reviewing all statements made by involved parties.
- Attempting to locate additional witnesses & evidence.
- Processing physical evidence for fingerprints, DNA, etc.
- All stolen or recovered property containing known serial numbers are entered into a statewide database.
- Cases are continually monitored and reviewed by the detectives and crime analyst for similarities.

## Crime Victim's Role

Victim participation in the investigation increases the likelihood of a successful resolution to your case.

Victims can assist detectives by performing one or more of the following actions:

- Report any new leads to the handling detective.

- Speak with your neighbors to see if they saw or heard anything suspicious.
- Keep the police advised of any changes in your residence.
- Provide cell phone, work, and pager numbers to the detective so you can be reached during business hours.
- Being available for court trial, if your presence is required.

## Investigation's Conclusion

Our investigative process continues until your case has been solved or all known investigative leads have been exhausted. If an arrest is made or property is recovered, you will be notified.

If there is not enough information or leads to solve your case, we will place the case in our inactive file. This file allows us to have ready reference to your incident should additional information become available in the future.

A Detective may not contact you unless an arrest is made, property is recovered, or additional information is needed. If you are unsure of your incident's status, please contact us.

## Recovery of Lost/Stolen Items

You can assist in the recovery of valuables by doing the following:

- Record and keep a list of your valuable items.
- Keep the list in a safe place.

- Engrave a unique code word or CDL number on items that will assist in their identification.
- Items that cannot be engraved should be photographed. Record descriptive information on the back of the photo.
- When reporting a theft, provide the officer with these lists and photos.

## V.I.N.E. Program

VINE stands for Victim Information and Notification Everyday, and is a free and anonymous service providing victims of crime with information and notification of the custody status of offenders in Orange County Jail. VINE is updated every 15 minutes, requires the victim to register by giving a telephone number and create a 4 digit Personal ID Number (PIN) to use the service. After registering, the victim then gives the offender's name (or alias) and the case number (or booking number).

Call **1-800-721-8021** to use VINE today!

## Contact Information

If you obtain additional information in reference to your case, please call (714) 898-3315 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

If you would like a copy of your case report, please call our Records Bureau at extension 375 to check the status of the report *before* coming to the department. Please ask what costs, if any, may apply.